

MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS OF FEBRUARY 4TH, 1931.

The board of Public Works met at the office of the Governor at Annapolis, February 4th, 1931.

Present:

Albert C. Ritchie, Governor,
William S. Gordy, Jr., Comptroller,
John M. Dennis, Treasurer.

The Board considered a request of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore ^{through} ~~to~~ A. Walter Kraus, City Solicitor, for payment by the State to the City of the net proceeds of the sale of bonds of the Fifth Regiment Armory Plaza Loan of 1927, it being asserted by the City that arrangements had been completed to proceed with the work, the City having appropriated out of the Ordinance of Estimates of 1931 the sum of \$150,000.00, as the City's contribution to the cost of the work. The Comptroller had previously taken up with the Attorney General of Maryland, the question of whether in his opinion the information received from the City was sufficient to justify the Board of Public Works approving the payment of the State's share of the cost of the work to Baltimore City. The Attorney General advised the Comptroller that in his opinion the Board of Public Works would be justified in concluding that the provisions of the Acts of Assembly, namely Chapter 633 of the Acts of 1927 and Chapter 568 of the Acts of 1929 had been sufficiently met to justify the payment of the State's share to the City of Baltimore at this time. The Board of Public Works accordingly approved the payment of the State's share to the City.

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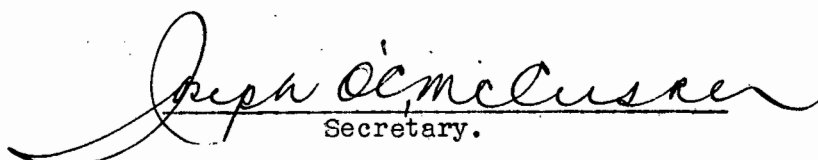
Mr. Dennis stated he had been approached with reference to the leasing of Pier 8, Light Street, Baltimore, which is under lease at the present time to the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, but which lease will terminate April 30, 1931, under notice received from the Pennsylvania Railroad Company to the effect that it was not desired by them that the lease be renewed. Mr. Dennis was

authorized by the Board to confer with the prospective tenant as to terms, etc., in connection with a lease for the property.

Mr. Gordy stated he had received an inquiry from H. D. Brown and Company, Philadelphia, wanting to know if the State would be interested in selling the annuity given to the State by the Northern Central Railway Company. He had communicated with the Company advising them of the provisions of the law relating to the sale of this annuity, and was authorized to advise H. D. Brown and Company that ^{the} Board of Public Works would be willing to entertain an offer for the annuity.

The Governor stated that someone had communicated with him sometime before on the subject and he would communicate with his inquirer, asking them if they were interested at the present time, and stating the Board would be willing to entertain an offer for the sale of the annuity.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.


Secretary.